

## NOBEL LAUREATE VISITS Neighborhood Matching Fund Project

On a cold and rainy September day, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Dr. Wangari Maathai visited Pelly Place Ravine Restoration Project to plant a tree. Maathai was welcomed by hundreds of students from Gatewood Elementary, Denny Middle School, and Chief Sealth High School. The students from Gatewood Elementary performed an original song in her honor. Also present were City partners and community members including world renowned photographer Art Wolfe, who has

been integrally involved with documenting the restoration effort.

Dr. Maathai deliberately and delightedly welcomed the younger students to join her in planting the cedar that had been set aside for her in the Pelly Place Ravine. Her visit was a local example of her work in Kenya and elsewhere in East and Central Africa as founder of the Green Belt Movement, through which she has assisted

women in planting more than 30 million trees on their farms and on school and church grounds. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for this work in 2004.

The Pelly Place Restoration Project was undertaken by **Project Earth Care**, a group created by Chief Sealth Sports & Events Marketing students and community members and funded by the Neighborhood Matching Fund. Project Earth Care's mission, is to form partnerships between K-12 schools, local colleges,



Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Dr. Wangari Maathai and Student Matching Fund Project Manager Arielle Washington.

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community members, and the City to identify and actively work on environmental projects that benefit the entire community. It is designed to establish a positive intergenerational experience, along with environmental learning opportunities.

The goal of the Pelly Place Restoration Project was not only to “return Pelly Place Ravine to its natural state by removing invasive vegetation and restoring the original creek banks,” but also to serve as a model for other intergenerational environmental projects. 🌍



The Doctor's visit would not have been complete without a tree planting demonstration.



Students from several area schools participated.



The event included a musical piece sung by students.



Local Tribes representative confers a blessing on Dr. Maathai



# DON's Historic Preservation REMEMBERS WALT CROWLEY

## Walt Crowley 1947 - 2007

*Walt Crowley passed away on September 21st and a large memorial service was held in October. Among his many accomplishments as a writer, illustrator, activist, politico, was the impact he had on neighborhood issues and how the City frames its relationships with them.*

*In 1973 he served as the Director of Neighborhood Services, a precursor to what we know today as the Department of Neighborhoods. One of his accomplishments in this role was the creation of Community Service Centers, a controversial notion at the time.*

*He is pictured here with one of his former co-workers, Rob Mattson, District Coordinator for the Ballard District.*



If you were working in the City's Historic Preservation office in Seattle, you encountered Walt Crowley sooner rather than later. I first met Walt within months of working for the City, when I began a project and needed to use a map of downtown Seattle that he and his wife,

Marie McCaffrey, had created. The project budget was down to zero and I needed their map last week. Walt and Marie came to the rescue.

That generosity was repeated throughout the years in many ways; in his service as a member of the Landmarks Preservation Board, as the chairman of a task force to create incentives for the preservation and re-use of historic theaters, as a tireless advocate for the City's preservation program, as the creator of History Link-which brings history and historic preservation to everyone-and as cherished friend.

Walt never did anything half-way. When the Blue Moon Tavern was threatened with demolition in the early 90s, Walt submitted a landmark nomination to the Landmarks Preservation Board and gathered quite a who's who of Seattle luminaries to speak on its behalf. Only Walt Crowley could get John Carlson and Mike Lowry to testify on the same side of an issue!

He was invaluable in preserving the integrity of Seattle's historic preservation program in every capacity in which he has served, both formal and informal. He understood that historic preservation is not only about saving buildings, but about using it as a tool to save communities and ultimately, the city. Even more important than his understanding was his ability to articulate that ethic - he has been an eloquent spokesman (and writer) for historic preservation and civic activism, and through his actions and his words brings the value of what we all believe in to many other people.

We will all miss his intellect, his commitment to community, his wit, his passion, his friendship and his love of life.

Karen Gordon,  
Historic Preservation Manager

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**BALLARD****WEBSTER PARK CONSIDERED FOR A LONG-TERM FUTURE**

Webster Park is located on the grounds of the former Webster Elementary School located in the Sunset Hill neighborhood. Since Webster's closure in the late 70's, the property has been occupied by the Nordic Heritage Museum. In 1990 a portion of this 3-acre site was set aside as Webster Park which resulted from a community initiative by Groundswell NW. Webster was, until recently, also on the school district's list of supplussed schools available for purchase. However, the Nordic Heritage Museum, the property's master tenant, elected to seek a long-term lease of their facility which resulted in the school district removing it from the list of those school properties which will be sold in the near future. In order to preserve the City's and the community's substantial investment in the Webster Park portion of this property, the Mayor's 2008 proposed budget earmarks \$1 million to be used for the purchase of that portion of the property in use as Webster Park.

**BALLARD STRUGGLES WITH A LACK OF PUBLIC RESTROOMS**

A rapidly expanding population living, working, and using services in downtown Ballard, combined with a growing street population in the immediate area, has accentuated the need for public restroom facilities. Although the Ballard Library and Service Center, constructed two years ago in downtown Ballard, provide some additional facilities, the new Ballard Commons Park was built without benefit of restroom facilities. The Ballard District Coordinator has convened a working group of local civic leaders to work with SPU on a short-term plan to address this issue, which will likely involve the installation of one or more portable units in downtown Ballard.

**CENTRAL****DEARBORN STREET COALITION**

The Coalition has initiated a campaign to generate funds to create a legal fund to challenge the developer's contract rezone and street vacation proposals as part of the City's land use review process. There is a vision for the funding to go toward a traffic study, and to develop an alternative design proposal to illustrate the Coalition's vision. The Coalition's goal is to raise \$40,000 from Coalition members, businesses, supporters and foundations. Jackson Place Community Council is a 501C3, therefore, contributions are tax deductible.

Members consist of the Vietnamese American Economic Development Association, Interim, International District Housing Alliance, the Community Coalition for Environmental Justice, Puget Sound Sage, Church Council of Greater Seattle, Unite Here local 8, SEIU local 67, UFCW local 21, Laborers NW Regional Organizing Coalition, Vietnamese American Bar Association of Washington, the Jackson Place Community Council, the Squire Park Community Council, Beacon Alliance of Neighbors, Beacon Hill Pedestrian Task Force, Beacon Ridge Improvement Council, Coleman Neighborhood Association, Wedgewood Action Group, the Yesler Terrace Community Council, Seattle Central Area Chamber of Commerce, Minority Executive Directors Coalition, Casa Latina, Friends of Seattle, Puget Sound Alliance for Retired Americans,

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# SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

## Takes on Graffiti

According to the South Precinct, in recent months there has been a noticeable increase in graffiti vandalism throughout the area. While the community is concerned about the graffiti being gang associated, the police belief that the graffiti is more individually based. Tagger graffiti represents the majority of the graffiti on Southeast streets today.

The majority of tagging occurs between the hours of midnight and six in the morning. In Seattle, it is estimated that millions of dollars are spent each year to paint out or remove graffiti. The police belief that graffiti affects the public safety of a neighborhood as it allows many people to have a sense that the neighborhood is unsafe, and if they don't feel safe, they'll stop going to that neighborhood. When that happens, frequently the negative, more criminal elements take over. Unchecked graffiti is a contributing factor the public safety of a community and how people feel about their community.

**SEED to the Rescue**

In response to these bouts of blight, South East Effective Development (SEED) is working to establish the Paint-it-Out graffiti removal program. The program is sponsored by King County Superior Court Community Programs (KCSC) and Seattle Public Utilities.

SEED is mailing an introductory letter about the program to 500 business and property owners in Southeast. The pro-

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gram includes a 24-hour Graffiti Hotline: (206) 760-4285. Business owners will be responsible for notifying SEED's Public Art Program about graffiti on their properties. SEED then will arrange for a supervised group of youth on juvenile probation to remove the graffiti.

This program will work with 5-20 youth from the King County Superior Court Community Program with the goals of: providing a vehicle for young people to restore and enhance the beauty and livability of their neighborhoods; increasing youth competencies in positive work behaviors; increasing restitution payments to victims; increasing opportunities for



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# HAPPENINGS

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Community Coalition on Contracts and Jobs, LELO — Legacy of Equality, Leadership and Organizing, Coalition of Anti-Racist Whites, African Youth United and the Contractors Resources Center.

## DOWNTOWN

### CHINATOWN/ID HOSTS SUCCESSFUL CLIMATE ACTION NOW (CAN) KICKOFF EVENT IN HING HAY PARK

Representatives of the Chinatown Chamber, IDHA, Wing Luke Asian Museum, Seattle Chinese Times and other community volunteers worked with City staff to plan and implement a successful CAN launch event for the neighborhood. Over 300 community members attended the event and watched the Mayor participate in a demonstration of bio-diesel. The planning group is already talking about trying to do another event that focuses specifically on businesses in Chinatown.

## EAST

### CAPITOL HILL GARDENS/ P-PATCH AT E JOHN AND E OLIVE

Neighborhood activists are busy advocating for a P-Patch at the site identified by the Parks Department for an open space acquisition on Capitol Hill. The location is at the lots covering the area of E John St on the south, E Summit on the west, apartments to the north and an alley to the east.

This group calls itself the "Capitol Hill Gardens" and it is promoting the idea of the P-Patch to neighborhood organizations on the Hills for support and endorsement. In October the Parks Department will be starting the planning process for the designated site and the P-Patch group is expected to present ideas for a P-Patch to Parks Department officials. DON-P-Patch staff is working with the neighborhood to address their ideas.

### CAPITOL HILL BUSINESSES ORGANIZE EVENT TO OUTREACH AND CLEAN-UP NEIGHBORHOODS ON THE HILLS

The Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Broadway BIA, neighborhood volunteers and merchants throughout the business districts on the Hills, are planning a neighborhood clean-up event as an outreach strategy to increase membership in their organizations and to do an end of the summer neighborhood business districts clean-up.

The targeted neighborhood business districts include Broadway, Pike/Pine, and the 15th Ave E business area. The tentative date for the event is Saturday, October 13, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with groups meeting at the Cal Anderson Park/Shelterhouse.

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## GREATER DUWAMISH

## SOUTH PARK ACTION AGENDA

The South Park Action Agenda implementation process is taking steps forward with the enlistment of acting board members before elections are held. Once a board is formed, the group will look at the hiring of a community organizer utilizing the funds from the Neighborhood Matching Fund Large Project Award, a project to be contracted soon.

## LAKE UNION

## RED BULL SOAPBOX DERBY RACE

Fremont was the place to be on September 29. Over 30,000 people were in the neighborhood to watch the soapbox derby race. Spectators saw 30 different soapbox car designs that ranged from a baby carriage to a troll on wheels. A few neighbors called to complain about parking, noise, traffic, and lack of event notification.

## AURORA BRIDGE STAKEHOLDERS GROUP

The group met to hear from WSDOT and SDOT on a draft preliminary study on the feasibility of installing a barrier on the bridge. Members also heard from Seattle FRIENDS on its outreach effort to state and local elected officials.

## MAGNOLIA/QUEEN ANNE

## IN MOTION CAMPAIGN PICKS UP SPEED

SDOT's "In Motion" program continues its campaign in the Uptown neighborhood. The Seattle Department of Transportation, King County Metro, The Uptown Alliance, The Greater Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce and Uptown merchants have teamed up to help Uptown residents get around the neighborhood by bus, bike, or on foot. About 400 Uptown residents registered for the trip reduction program.

## NORTH

## ALBERT DAVIS PARK LOOKS GOOD FOR LAKE CITY FARMERS MARKET

Staff from OED, SDOT, Parks, DON, Library, the Lake City Community Center, the Lake City Chamber of Commerce, and the Neighborhood Farmers Market Alliance visited Albert Davis Park and agreed that it would make a great permanent location for the Lake City Farmers Market, starting in 2008. Staff will work on various details in the coming weeks, including the proposed layout of the market and parking for vendors. Thanks to OED's Karen Selander for organizing the meeting.

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"Seattle's city hall politics is essentially centrifugal. Left to its own devices, power will tend to spin outward to City Council members, departments, and organized constituencies.

A mayor must reverse this flow and consolidate authority in order to do his or her job. This is not anti-democratic; it merely ensures that the one elected official accountable for the entire city government has the tools necessary to fulfill that responsibility.

On this bus, we can all reach the bell cord and there are plenty of seats for backseat drivers — but we are most likely to get where we want to go with just one pair of hands on the steering wheel."

Walt Crowley, February 11th, 2002






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youth to complete court ordered community restitution; and improving employability skills of area youth and increase their skills and opportunities.

### Paint it Out!

The Paint-It-Out program will be a free service to business and property owners; however, a \$15 or larger donation is suggested to benefit SEED's Public Art Workshop. Public Art Workshop creates site-specific, culturally relevant art in public spaces by partnering professional artists with at-risk youth from underserved Southeast Seattle communities to design, fabricate and install public art projects in their own neighborhoods.

For further information, please visit the website at [www.seedseattle.org/graffiti.html](http://www.seedseattle.org/graffiti.html) or contact Abbey Norris, Public Art Manager, 760-4289 or [anorris@seedseattle.org](mailto:anorris@seedseattle.org). 

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## HAPPENINGS

### NORTHEAST

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### A DARING AVENTURE FOR THE U DISTRICT

Friday, September 28, the Ave was a hoppin' place. Thousands of students thronged the street in this inaugural event to welcome students to the U District (and not just the campus). Over 60 merchants between NE 41st and NE 52nd joined in by hosting sidewalk sales, offering "AveVenture" specials, handing out free samples and stamping "passports". Students who filled their passports were entered into a raffle with prizes from some of the District's finest businesses. Two stages featured local music and social service agencies also had the opportunity to talk with students about hundreds of volunteer jobs open in District organizations.

Teresa Lord Hugel, Chamber Executive Director, reported excitedly, "Businesses were packed! Several Chamber members have reported that over 250 people stopped by to get their passports stamped. I was so proud of this community. It was a really good community step to energize and connect the neighborhood."

## NORTHWEST

### NEWEST GAIN GROUP HOLDS INAUGURAL MEETING

GAIN's success continues to expand as organizers of GAIN North Greenwood held their first meeting on September 25 at Oaklake Baptist Church with 55 people attending, along with representatives from SPD and the City Attorney's office. The new GAIN group has been organized to continue successful crime prevention efforts in covering the area along Aurora between N 95th to N 105th. Dates for community walks and cleanup events have already been established for the end of this year. The Greenwood NSC provided assistance with outreach and ideas for developing potential Neighborhood Matching Fund projects.

## SOUTHWEST

### LADY LIBERTY RETURNED TO PERCH

On the 6th anniversary of the September 11 attack, Mayor Nickels, Seattle City Council members Tom Rasmussen and Sally Clark, and Deputy Mayor Tim Cels joined a crowd of over 250 people to unveil the return of the recast Statue of Liberty to its perch on Alki Beach. In a brief departure from the festive mood, Mayor Nickels and Councilmember Rasmussen took time out to remember the victims of September 11, 2001 and to remind those in attendance about what the Statue represents. To the delight of the crowd, Mayor Nickels announced that the City is pledging \$50,000 toward efforts to raise approximately \$150,000 to construct a new plaza and base for the Statue.

### WATER TAXI SERVICE EXTENDED

Record ridership and higher than expected revenues has resulted in the extension of the sailing season for the Elliott Bay Water Taxi by one month; from September 30 to the end of October. During a 2-week repair project on Interstate 5 in August, which resulted in northbound lane reductions from the West Seattle Bridge to the I-90, over 2,300 passengers rode the Water Taxi. In addition, ridership numbers for each month of the 2007 sailing season exceeded the previous record numbers from 2006.



# IDEAS FAIR

## A Better Neighborhood Begins with You!

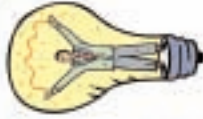
Come learn how to fund your neighborhood project.

**Saturday, December 1, 2007**

**9:00 a.m.—noon**

**Seattle Central Community College**

**1701 Broadway 3rd Floor, Seattle, WA 98122**



**8:30a.m.** Light Refreshments

**9:00a.m.** Open House—Get Inspiration and Ideas!

- Learn about the Fund & other City funding sources
- Showcase of NMF projects including:
  - Playground, P-Patch Gardens, Parks
  - Facility Improvements & Traffic calming
  - Race and Social Justice
  - Public Art and Cultural Programs

**10:30a.m.** Workshops—Cool Community Building Projects!

- Successful NMF Applications
- Effective Fundraising Strategies
- Grassroots Climate Protection Projects
- Emergency Preparedness



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